

form is included as part of the application after being completed by NRCS. (This form is available at NRCS local offices.)

(viii) If the applicant wants to be considered for a conservation contract, a map or copy of an aerial photo of the farm, on which the applicant must show that portion of the farm and approximate acres to be considered in a request for debt restructuring provided for in the conservation contract program.

(ix) The most recent five years' income tax returns and supporting documents, unless the borrower has been farming for less than five years. In such case, income tax returns and supporting documents for the tax years that the borrower farmed.

(x) If the borrower is applying for debt settlement, Form RD1956-1, "Application for Settlement of Indebtedness."

(6) The borrower will be provided with copies of these forms when Exhibit A is sent, and may request copies of regulations and the forms manual inserts (FMI) in writing within 30 days of receipt of the loan servicing notice. If these latter items are not provided within 10 days of such a request, the borrower's time for submission of a complete application will be increased by the period of delay in excess of 10 days caused by the Agency.

(7) Not more than one 60-day period will be provided to a borrower to respond to the notice of loan service programs except in accordance with § 1951.908. Subsequent notices as provided for in this section will not be issued until the first notice is resolved.

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§ 1951.908 Servicing financially distressed current borrowers.

A borrower who is financially distressed, but is not yet delinquent on FLP payments, may request servicing at any time.

(a) *Notification.* If a current plan of operation demonstrates that the borrower is or will be financially distressed, as defined in § 1951.906, or if the borrower otherwise requests servicing, the servicing official will provide at-

tachments 1 and 2 of exhibit A of this subpart.

(b) *Eligibility.* To be considered for servicing in accordance with this section, the borrower must submit to the county office within 60 days Attachment 2 of exhibit A of this subpart and a complete application in accordance with the requirements of § 1951.907(e).

(1) The eligibility requirements of § 1951.909(c) (1) and (2) apply to servicing under this section.

(2) Eligible financially distressed borrowers who are current on their FLP loan payments may be considered for the Primary Loan Service programs described in §§ 1951.909(e) (1), (2) and (3).

(3) Financially distressed borrowers who are not delinquent are not eligible for writedown of debt or buyout as described in § 1951.909.

(c) *Processing the application.* The servicing official must process a completed application and notify the borrower of the decision.

(1) Current borrowers will be considered only for the Primary Loan Servicing programs described in §§ 1951.909 (e) (1), (2), and (3). The servicing official must use the Debt and Loan Restructuring System (DALR\$) program, in accordance with exhibit J-1 of this subpart, to determine if a feasible plan can be developed as defined in § 1951.906.

(2) If a feasible plan can be developed, the borrower will be sent exhibit B of this subpart with attachment 1 and the printout of the DALR\$ calculations as notification of the favorable decision. The borrower must accept the offer within 45 days of its receipt by returning attachment 1 to exhibit B of this subpart or the offer will expire. If the borrower accepts, loan restructuring will be processed in accordance with §§ 1951.909 (e) (1), (2), or (3), as applicable.

(3) If a feasible plan cannot be developed, the borrower will be informed of the reasons for the adverse decision. The DALR\$ printout will be attached.

(4) Current borrowers who have received notices under this section and who do not apply for primary loan servicing, or who refuse an offer to restructure their debt, and later become 90 days past due on the FLP loan payment, will be sent notices as described in § 1951.907.

(5) Borrowers whose accounts are not delinquent may receive rescheduling, reamortization, consolidation, or deferral under this subpart only after they have paid at least a portion of the interest due on their FLP debt. The portion due will be based on the applicant's ability to pay, as determined by thoroughly analyzing the farm operation, including any off-farm income. The payment must be made on or before the date that restructuring is closed. Borrowers in non-monetary default, but not delinquent on their FLP debt, must cure the non-monetary default before they may be considered for servicing under this paragraph.

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§ 1951.909 Processing primary loan service programs requests.

(a) *Servicing official responsibilities.* (1) After receipt of attachment 2 or 4 and a completed application in accordance with § 1951.907(e), the servicing official will consider all primary service programs options in this subpart. That official must use the Debt and Loan Restructuring System (DALR\$) computer program, in accordance with exhibit J-1 of this subpart for borrowers who submit a new application, to attempt to find the combination of loan service programs that will result in a feasible plan. Borrowers who request loan servicing and who have disposed of all the FLP loan security, including Collection-Only borrowers, will be processed in accordance with part 1956, subpart B, of this chapter. If the application includes a request for the Conservation Contract program, as indicated by the submission of the information required in § 1951.907(e)(5)(viii), the servicing official will determine whether the borrower is eligible, based on criteria as set forth in exhibit H of this subpart. If the borrower is eligible, the servicing official will make an estimate of the information needed to permit the DALR\$ program to make the calculations of feasibility of the Conservation Contract. The assumptions used to establish the estimates will be based on the servicing official's knowledge of the farmland values, the borrower's repayment ability, and the proposed contract acreage. When the DALR\$ calculations for restructuring are com-

pleted, the borrower will be notified as set forth in paragraph (h) of this section.

(2) When jointly liable individual borrowers have been divorced and one has withdrawn from the operation, the State Executive Director will consider, upon the recommendation of the servicing official, the release of liability for the individual who has withdrawn if the following conditions are met.

(i) A divorce decree or property settlement document held the withdrawing party not responsible for the loan payments;

(ii) The withdrawing party's interest in the security is conveyed to the borrower with whom the loan will be continued;

(iii) The person withdrawing does not have any repayment ability for the loan, and does not own any non-essential assets, as defined in § 1951.906;

(iv) The individual withdrawing has never received debt forgiveness on another direct loan; and.

(v) The withdrawing party provides a copy of the divorce decree and property settlement, evidence of conveyance, a current financial statement, verification of income and debts, and Form 431-2 or Form RD-1944-3 as applicable.

(3) If a completed application includes a request for a waiver from the training required by paragraph (c)(5) of this section, the County Committee will, prior to any offer of Primary Loan Servicing, evaluate the borrower's knowledge and ability in production and financial management and determine the need for additional training as set out in § 1924.74 of this chapter.

(b) *Adverse determination.* (1) If the approval official determines that the borrower is not eligible for any of the Primary Loan Service programs or restructuring is not feasible because of debt held by other lenders, the borrower will be advised of mediation or meeting of creditors as provided in paragraph (h)(3) of this section. If mediation or the meeting of creditors does not result in a feasible plan, the borrower will be sent attachments 5 and 6, or 5-A and 6-A, of exhibit A of this subpart, as applicable.

(2) Borrowers who do not buy out their debt at its current market value,